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SUBJECT: MOBUTU SPEECH JUNE 1 ON SHABA INVASION

1. MOBUTU DELIVERED HIS SECOND SPEECH SINCE HIS RETURN ON JUNE 1 AT 20 MAY STADIUM. SPEAKING IN LINGALA TO AN AUDIENCE OF ZAIRIAN "MAMAS", MOBUTU AGAIN SHOWED HIS STYLE AS A CROWD PLEASER. "LE GUIDE" REHASHED MUCH OF HIS 5/28 SPEECH AND ELABORATED ON SEVERAL POINTS MADE LAST SATURDAY: REFORM OF FAZ, ATTENTION TO DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL PROBLEMS AND ANGOLAN/CUBAN/ SOVIET CULPABILITY FOR THE INVASION.

2. LEADING OFF WITH COMMENTS ON THE STATE OF THE ARMY, MOBUTU DECLARED THAT THERE WERE "NO BAD SOLDIERS, ONLY BAD LEADERS" AND THAT "WE MUST REMOVE EVERYWHERE THE PRESENCE OF BAD LEADERS IN THE HEART OF OUR ARMY". LATER, MOBUTU RETURNED TO THE SUBJECT AND DECLARED HE WOULD BE MORE SEVERE THAN EVER BEFORE; TREASON AND THEFT WOULD BE PUNISHED BY DEATH. ENLARGING ON THE SUBJECT, HE ANNOUNCED "WE'RE GOING TO REFORM ALL SECTORS: ADMINISTRATION OF THE TERRITORY, CND, ARMY, ETC."

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3. ATTACKING ANGOLA AGAIN HE CITED EUROPEAN COVERAGE OF "COBRA 77" AND CALLED THE WHOLE STORY A "DIVERSIONARY MANEUVER". HE APPEALED TO THE WESTERN PRESS TO LEAVE "US, IN AFRICA" ALONE.

4. INTRODUCING A NEW TOPIC, MOBUTU CAST ASPERSIONS ON "EMPIRES" AND "KINGDOMS" AND STATES: (FROM THE LINGALA)

"WE ARE REPUBLICAN AND WILL REMAIN REPUBLICAN* IN ZAIRE
THERE IS NO LONGER ANY QUESTION OF AN EMPEROR OF THE LUNDA,
A LUNDA EMPIRE OR A BAYEKE EMPIRE. THIS HAS BEEN TERMINATED
IN ZAIRE. THEY WERE ALL TRAITORS TO THE ZAIRIAN CAUSE. I
WANT TO SAY PUBLICLY THERE ARE NO LONGER ANY EMPERORS IN
ZAIRE. WE ARE GOING TO PUT AN END TO THAT SITUATION. WE ARE
REPUBLICANS, WE WILL REMAIN REPUBLICANS* THE ONE YOU CALL
EMPEROR; WELL, THE TECHNICIANS (READ SECURITY) FOUND HIM IN
THE MIDDLE OF CONVERSATIONS WITH THE CONSULATES. THEY FOUND
HIM IN POSSESSION OF TREASONOUS DOCUMENTS; THAT WE ARE GOING
TO PUT A STOP TO*"

5. ON OTHER TOPICS, THE PRESIDENT TOUCHED ON (A) HIGH FOOD
PRICES, WHICH WAS MET BY LOUD GRUMBLINGS; AND (B) THE NEED
FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOR WHICH IVORY COAST WAS HELD
UP AS A PARADIGM.
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